

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to an Office Action mailed on August 28, 2007. Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-18, 20-23, 25-28 and 31 remain pending in this application of which claims 1, 4, 13, 16 and 17 are independent.

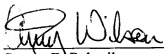
Page 2 of the Office Action states that claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17, 20, 22, 23, 26, 28 and 31 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Gabbert, U.S. Patent 6,703,378. In addition, Page 4 of the Office Action noted that claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 13, 15, 18, 19, 21, 25 and 27 contained allowable subject matter and were merely being objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Applicant respectfully points out that claim 4 presented in the Response filed on June 7, 2007 is an independent claim and accordingly Applicant understands that he is directed to allowable substance set forth in the Office Action Summary. The same appears to be true with respect to independent claim 13 filed in the Response filed on June 7, 2007. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowed dependent claim 5 and claim 17 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter in dependent claim 19. Accordingly Applicant now believes that each of the claims remaining in the application are directed to the allowable subject matter and based thereon, notice to the effect that each of the remaining claims in this application, namely claims 1-4, 6-18, 20-23, 25-28 and 31 are each allowable and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Except for the fee in connection with the two-month extension of time, no fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is required, the

Examiner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

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